GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS & T Dept., - Diversion of 27.00 ha of forest land in Gani RF, Kurnool Range, Kurnool Division and Panyam Range, Nandyal Division towards construction of 400 kV D/C Transmission Line for Evacuation of Power from 1500 MW Solar Power Project to Central Pooling Substation (CPSS), Kurnool District of Andhra Pradesh in favour of M/s Greenko AP01 IREP Pvt. Ltd. - Permission accorded – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 71 Dated: 21-11-2025

Read the following:-

1. From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15035/3/2025/FCA-1, dated 26.04.2025.
2. Govt.Lr.No.334/Section-II/2025/2808515, dated 10.05.2025
3. From MoEF & CC, GoI, Sub-office, Vijayawada of Regional Office, Chennai, online Proposal No.FP/AP/PWR_TRANS/516222/2024, dt.19.06.2025
4. From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Rc.No.EFS02-15035/3/2025-FCA-1, dt.13.10.2025.
5. Govt. Letter No.334/Sec.II/2025/2808515, dated 19.10.2025.
6. From MoEF & CC, GoI, Sub-office, Vijayawada of Regional Office, Chennai, online Proposal No.FP/AP/PWR_TRANS/516222/2024, dt.10.11.2025.

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has submitted a statutory proforma proposal seeking approval of the Central Government under Section-2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, for diversion of 27.00 ha. of Forest Land in Gani RF, Comp.No.118 & 120, Somayajulapalle Section/Beat, Kurnool Range, Kurnool Division (19.33 ha.) and Gani RF, Comp.No.109 & 110, Panyam Range, Bethamcherla Section/Beat, Nandyal Division (7.67 ha.) towards construction of 400 kV D/C Transmission Line for Evacuation of Power from 1500 MW Solar Power Project to Central Pooling Substation (CPSS), Kurnool District of Andhra Pradesh in favour of M/s Greenko AP01 IREP Pvt. Ltd.

2. In the letter 2nd read above, the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., was sent to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, for in-principle approval under Section-2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

3. In the letter 3rd read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, has accorded in-principle approval under Section 2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, for diversion of 27.00 ha. of Forest Land in Gani RF, Comp.No.118 & 120, Somayajulapalle Section/Beat, Kurnool Range, Kurnool Division (19.33

ha.) and Gani RF, Comp.No.109 & 110, Panyam Range, Bethamcherla Section/Beat, Nandyal Division (7.67 ha.) towards construction of 400 kV D/C Transmission Line for Evacuation of Power from 1500 MW Solar Power Project to Central Pooling Substation (CPSS), Kurnool District of Andhra Pradesh in favour of M/s Greenko AP01 IREP Pvt. Ltd., and has requested to submit the compliance report on the conditions stipulated therein within the prescribed time for final approval.

4. In the letter 4th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., has furnished a compliance report on the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval for onward submission to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, for final approval for the above proposal. The same has been forwarded to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, for the grant of final approval under Section 2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, vide letter in the 5th read above.

5. In the letter 6th read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, has granted final approval under Section 2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, for diversion of 27.00 ha of forest land in Gani RF, Kurnool Range, Kurnool Division and Panyam Range, Nandyal Division towards construction of 400 kV D/C Transmission Line for Evacuation of Power from 1500 MW Solar Power Project to Central Pooling Substation (CPSS), Kurnool District of Andhra Pradesh in favour of M/s Greenko AP01 IREP Pvt. Ltd. subject to fulfilment of conditions stipulated therein.

6. Government, after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, for Diversion of 27.00 ha of forest land in Gani RF, Kurnool Range, Kurnool Division and Panyam Range, Nandyal Division towards construction of 400 kV D/C Transmission Line for Evacuation of Power from 1500 MW Solar Power Project to Central Pooling Substation (CPSS), Kurnool District of Andhra Pradesh in favour of M/s Greenko AP01 IREP Pvt. Ltd. subject to fulfilment of the following conditions:-

1. General Conditions:

S.No.	Conditions
1.1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged
1.2	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 27 ha.
1.3	The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required
1.4	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land
1.5	The User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas
1.6	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal

1.7	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government
1.8	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government
1.9	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused
1.10	Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department
1.11	The State Government shall complete settlement of rights, in terms of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, if any, on the forest land to be diverted in accordance with the relevant guidelines issued by the MoEFCC
1.12	The user agency in consultation with the State Government shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Bird's nests artificially made out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project
1.13	Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife
1.14	The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project
1.15	Violation of any of these conditions will amounts to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

2. Standard Conditions

S.No.	Conditions
2.1	The user agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on conductors of transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits.
2.2	The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest areas issued by Ministry vide letter No. 7-25/2012-FC dated 05/05/2014 & 19/11/2014.

3. Specific Conditions

S.No.	Conditions
3.1	Width of right of way for the transmission line shall be limited to 46 m;
3.2	The User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
3.3	The Site specific Comprehensive Wildlife Mitigation Plan as approved by the CWLW, Andhra Pradesh state shall be implemented.
3.4	The KML file of the area diverted and CA area shall be uploaded in the e-green watch portal with all requisite details

3.5	The user agency shall maintain necessary ground clearance to prevent electrocution of wild animals.
3.6	No approach road shall be constructed in the forest area for transportation of steel and other material required for the transmission line. As far as possible the User Agency shall use the existing road and the proposed RoW for the transportation of the material and in the event of non-availability of such facilities, the User Agency shall transport material manually without construction of any path
3.7	The State Forest Department shall implement approved CA scheme at the cost of User Agency for creation and maintenance of plantation in the identified locations as per the following details: (a) **For Regular CA,** DFL identified over an extent of 54.00 ha (double to the extent of forest area proposed to be diverted) at following (3) places in Kurnool Division. (i) Gudlakonda RF-20 ha., Comp. No.49, Adoni Range, (ii.) Pattikonda RF-20 ha, Comp. No. 53 & 54, Adoni Range, (iii) Ramallakota West RF-14 ha., Comp. No.71, Kurnool Range in Kurnool Division (b) **For Additional CA** (preferably medicinal plant species) to be done under the transmission line, DFL identified over an extent of 27 ha at following (2) places in Kurnool Division: (i) 20 ha (23.70) in L. Banda RF (ii) 7 ha (08.25) in Emboy RF
3.8	State Government shall implement the Wild Life mitigation measures, for movement of schedule-1 animals, approved by the PCCF(WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden of the State
3.9	**The User Agency shall provide CA in NFL area for compensatory afforestation in lieu of the forest area diverted, if applicable, based on the final outcome in the WP No.1164/2023, which is currently pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The State Forest Department shall ensure that an undertaking from the user agency is obtained in this regard.**
3.10	The User Agency has made payment Rs. 12,18,60,060/- towards CA, Addl. CA and NPV (Rs.6,40,00,000/- towards CA, Rs.3,20,00,000/- towards Addl. CA, and Rs. 2,58,60,060/- towards NPV) Further, Rs.169.390/- lakhs has been paid towards Wild life mitigation/management plan. The levies paid by the UA shall be utilized for the same as per the approved plan/scheme.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

KANTILAL DANDE
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, Guntur District.

Copy to:
1.The Inspector General of Forests,
ROHQ, MoEF&CC, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan,
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110 003.

2. The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central),
GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-office at Vijayawada of
Regional Office, Chennai, Green House Complex,
Gopal Reddy Road, Vijayawada – 520 010.

3. The M/s. Greenko AP01 IREP Pvt Ltd.,

4.SC/SF (Computer No.2808515)

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER